खजुराहो-सतना और रीवा-सिंगरौली रेल लाइन के निर्माण को स्वीकृति दिए जाने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) क्या मध्य प्रदेश तथा उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकारों ने भी उक्त रेल लाइनों के निर्माण के लिए केंद्र सरकार से अनुरोध किया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ग) ललितपुर-खजुराहो-सतना, महोबा-खजुराहो और रीवा-सीधि-सिंगरौली रेल लाइन के लिए सर्वेक्षण-कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है । आगे की कार्रवाई सर्वेक्षण के परिणामों और आगामी वर्षों में संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगी । मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकारों ने सेंट्रल जोन काउंसिल की हाल ही में हुई बैठक में इस लाइन की सिफारिश की है ।

Degradation of the global environment

*214. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the developed countries which are primarily responsible for the degradation of the global environment, have committed the date of putting their contribution of 0.7 percent of GNP for Official Development Assistance; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the quantum in terms of dollar, the 0.7 per cent of GNP comes to; whether this is a recurring amount or lump sum; and

(c) the financial assistance required to meet 100 percent the problem of degradation of global environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) At the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held at Rio de Janeiro in June, 1992, the developed countries re-affirmed their commitment to reach the accepted United Nations target of 0.7 per cent of Gross National Product (GNP) for Official Development Assistance and, to the extent that they have not achieved the target, agreed to augment their aid programmes in order to reach the target as soon as possible.

(b) On the basis of current Gross National Product (GNP) of developed countries, the Official development Assistance (ODA) to Gross National Product (GNP) ratio of 0.7 per cent is estimated to be approximately US $ 120 billion per annum.

(c) The Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development have estimated that the average annual cost for implementing environment protection activities in developing countries ,as envisaged in Agenda 21, would be ovtr US $ 600 billion for the period from 1993 to 2000 A.D.

Selling of Indo-Pak border

*215. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that, following eruption of trouble in Sindh the Government of Pakistan has decided to seal the border with India;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to seal the entire Indo-Pak border in view of Pak infiltration in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether Government have fixed any target date for the completion of sealing the entire Indo-Pak border?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The Government have seen such reports since the launching of Operation Blue Fox in Sind by Pakistan Army.

(b) and (c) Border fencing and flood lighting at most of the sensitive and vulnerable stretches has been completed on